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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1754

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Examiner: S. Bos

Serial No.: 09/744,237

**BOX AF**

Filed: February 23, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR CONTROLLING PARTICLE SIZE IN A BAYER CIRCUIT  
PRECIPITATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING AN AGGLOMERATION PHASE

**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please cancel page 22 of the application as filed.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in the attached appendix:

7. (Amended) In a BAYER circuit including a preliminary agglomeration phase, a crystal growth phase and a classification phase, a process for controlling precipitation of alumina hydrate from a slurry resulting from introduction